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Dear Doctor Norton

RE: MS 1303026694399085

Thank you for your letter dated June 21, 2010, regarding our manuscript entitled “Cumulative exposure to air pollution and long term outcomes after first acute myocardial infarction: A population-based cohort study. Objectives and methodology”.

We are indebted to the Editorial Board for rapid evaluation. Please find below our responses, with references to the revised manuscript. We have included the Editors’ comments in bold type, with our reply following in regular type.

We hope that this revision will be satisfactory and look forward to hearing from your office.

Sincerely,

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(1) Include the email addresses of all authors within the title page of your manuscript.
RE: Email addresses of all authors have been included (p. 1).

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RE: The names of the ethics committees which approved the study have been added (p. 12, “Ethics”).

(3) Document, within your manuscript, whether you will be seeking informed consent from your study participants and whether this will be written or verbal.
RE: All participants gave written informed consent as is now described on p. 12 (“Ethics”).

(4) Provide a power calculation within your manuscript, used to determine the sample size of your study.
RE: Power calculation is provided on p. 12 (“Sample size and power calculation”) and in Table 1 (p.25, “Power Calculation for Detecting Associations Between Air Pollution Categories and Primary Outcomes”).